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DOE MARSHALL ISLANDS PROGRAMS

This is in response to your memorandum of April 8, 1983, in which you commented on NVO's draft Program/Budget Assumptions, and gave certain guidance for long-range planning. The following are actions we have taken since that date and plan to take in the next few months to further refine our planning for the Marshall Islands programs:

1. The DOE Marshall Islands Planning Group was established at NVO on June 9, 1983, and documentation of this fact is in process. The Planning Group is constituted as follows:

Chairman: Deputy for Pacific Operations

Executive Secretary: Program Liaison Officer, PASO

Members: Director, PASO
Principal Investigators and Managers of
Scientific, Medical and Support elements
of Marshall Islands Programs. (Note:
included are any PI's who receive funding
from sources other than DP but are
supported by DP assets).

Invited Observers: Representatives of DP/MA and NV staff.

Other Invitees: Resourcespersons will be invited to participate to bring additional scientific and institutional perspectives to the group.

2. A definitive plan for the Mid-Pacific Research Laboratory for FY 1984 is being developed and will be the subject of separate correspondence. In summary, and within expected FY 1984 funding, we will assuredly be able to continue support of DOE, DNA and TTPI programs, and to maintain a window into the resettled community. For the near term, pending

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significant political change, we plan to retain the field station facilities in semi-active status supporting these functions. Although the DOE supported science program at MPRL will be terminated we will thus be able, without significant cost, to permit interested scientists to use the facility on an expeditionary basis. This plan contemplates continuation of the U of H contract for about \$10,000 in FY 1984. As to the "phaseout plan" referred to in your memorandum, it was, in fact, a draft demobilization schedule, prepared in 1981 and, due to changed circumstances, would not be applicable today. We are in the process of an equipment disposition review, the results of which will be incorporated in the definitive plan mentioned earlier in this paragraph.

The 5-year plan requested in your memorandum is in preparation. Because of the very fluid political situation in the Marshalls and between the United States and Marshall Islands governments, we are concentrating our early efforts upon transition planning. Members of the Marshall Islands Planning Group have been tasked to examine their program elements under transition assumptions. The target date for a completely staffed and coordinated plan is December 31, 1983.

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